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2009 COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential element of character building and ethics in sports is based on core principles: sportsmanship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sport is achieved when competition reflects these elements of character.

I therefore agree to the following:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my player and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
4. I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
5. I will teach my player to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. I will demand that my player treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. I will emphasize skill development.
8. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my player to win.
9. I will demand a sports environment for my player that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use during all events.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- o Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- o Written warning
- o Coach game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- o Game forfeit through the official or coach
- o Coach season suspension

Coach Signature

Date

Coach Name (Please Print)